

Ordered that an Instrument for that end be drawn up to Lib. H. D.  
pass the broad Seal of the province w<sup>ch</sup> was accordingly done  
& Signed by his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> & passed &<sup>ca</sup> and followes in these  
Words Viz<sup>t</sup>.

Ann Smiths  
Reprieve William the Third by the Grace of God King of Whitehall  
England Scotland, France and Ireland Defender of  
the faith &<sup>ca</sup> To William Holland Sen<sup>r</sup> high Sheriffe of our P. 374  
County of Ann Arrundell Greeting.—Whereas you lately  
Received a Warrant from Us (under our broad Seal of Mary-  
land Dated the 9<sup>th</sup> of this Instant July) for executing one Ann  
Smith Spinster of our s<sup>d</sup> County, who was lately Indicted  
tryed and Convicted for murthering a Negro Boy; But foras-  
much as it hath been represented unto Us that She is become  
exceeding penitent and Sorry for the same and may be deemed  
a fit Object of mercy; And more Especially calling to mind  
the infinite goodness and mercy of Almighty God lately  
extended unto our Self by preserving our Royall person from  
a late intended assassination, Do therefore Command th<sup>t</sup> you  
(at p<sup>r</sup>sent) forbear Executing the s<sup>d</sup> Ann Smith untill you  
shall Receive our further Ord<sup>r</sup> therein; Given under the  
Broad Seal of our s<sup>d</sup> Province this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July in the  
Eighth year of our Reign &<sup>ca</sup> Annoq<sup>r</sup> Domini 1696. Witness  
our trusty and well beloved Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup>  
Gen<sup>l</sup> and Govern<sup>r</sup> in Cheif in and over our s<sup>d</sup> province and  
Territory of Maryland.

ffr: Nicholson

Read the following Petition, Viz<sup>t</sup>.

To his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> the Govern<sup>r</sup> in Councill

The Petition of Thomas Tench.

Most humbly Sheweth.

Thomas  
Tench Esq  
his Peticōn  
abt a Ships  
foresayle &  
Rigging  
& Ord<sup>r</sup>  
thereon.

That in Ord<sup>r</sup> to the fitting out and making a Voy-  
age to the Island of Maderas, with the Ship Ann of  
Maryland Since her Tryall & acquittall at a Speciall  
Court of Oyer and Terminer at Battle town in  
Petuxant River; yo<sup>r</sup> Petition<sup>r</sup> having also on board  
her some Commodities or merchandize proper for  
the s<sup>d</sup> Voyage, did procure and put on board her great ffore-  
sayle and a parcell of New Rigging of the proper Goods and  
Chattells of yo<sup>r</sup> Petition<sup>r</sup> and in no wise before that belonging  
or appertaining to the s<sup>d</sup> Ship.

That Since it so happeneth that the s<sup>d</sup> Ship lyes now under Whitehall  
Seizure in Custody of the Law, without any hopes or prospect  
as yo<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> humbly Conceives of making the s<sup>d</sup> Voyage or any  
other part in any Seasonable time untill such time as the s<sup>d</sup>